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**RESPONSE TO MAY 22, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action dated May 22, 2002 ("the Office Action") issued in connection with the above-referenced patent application, and is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and associated fee payment. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, if the fee payment is missing or incorrect in amount, or if any other fees are determined to be due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, and/or the Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office are authorized to charge Winstead Sechrest & Minick Deposit Account No. 23-2426, referencing matter 23555-P001US.

**AMENDMENTS**

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: